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SUMMARY: NEW GOLKAR LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCED SEPT 10
CONFIRMS ACTING CHARIMAN AMIR MURTONO AS CHAIRMAN,
INDICATING THAT MILITARY WILL RETAIN FIRM CONTROL
OF GOLKAR AFFAIRS. RELATIVE BALANCE OF FORCES
WITHIN PARTY BETWEEN FOLLOWERS OF ALI MURTOPO AND
OTHERS APPEARS TO HAVE CHANGED LITTLE. END SUMMARY

1. PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED NEW EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
(DEWAN PEMPINAN PUSAT - DPP) OF GOVERNMENT PARTY
GOLKAR CONFIRMED SEPT 9 BY NATIONAL CONGRESS IN
SURABAYA, AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL CHAIRMAN, MAJ.GEN.
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AMIR MURTONO SH; CHAIRMAN, MARTONO; FIRST

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, MRS. ADAM MALIK; SECOND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, MANIHURUK; SECRETARY GENERAL, BRIG.GEN. SAPARDJO; TREASURER, DRS. MOERDOPO.

2. SECRETARY FOR GENERAL AFFAIRS AND PLANNING, JUSUF WANANDI SH (LIM BIAN KIE); FOR ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION, COSMAS BATUBARA; FOR CIVIL SERVANTS, RAHARDJO PRODJOPRADOTO; FOR MANPOWER, SUKYAT; FOR BUSINESSMEN, OETOJO OESMAN; FOR COOPERATIVES, SULAEMAN WIRAHADISURYA; FOR FARMERS AND FISHERMEN, A. RAHMAN TOLLENG; FOR RELIGION AND FAITH IN GOD (PLUS SOCIAL AND CULTURAL), PITUT SOEHARTO; FOR YOUTH AND STUDENTS, DAVID NAPITUPULU, FOR WOMEN, MRS. SUDARSONO SH; AND FOR INTELLECTUALS, DR. MIDIAN SIRAIT.

3. NEW COUNCIL WAS IN THEORY CHOSEN BY THREE "FORMATEURS" REPRESENTING THE ARMED FORCES, CENTRAL GOLKAR LEADERSHIP AND REGIONAL GOLKAR LEADERSHIP (LT.GEN. DARJATMO, DRS. SUMISKUM AND SOEGIJANTO OF EAST JAVA RESPECTIVELY). IN FACT SLATE PROBABLY DETERMINED AT HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOI. POINT OF "FORMATEUR" METHOD, RATHER THAN ELECTION FROM FLOOR, WAS TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE, AND CRITICS IN PRESS ARE ALREADY COMPLAINING ABOUT "UNDEMOCRATIC PROCEDURES".

4. CONFERENCE ALSO CONFIRMED NEW GOLKAR CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND PROGRAM OUTLINE (DETAILS NOT YET ANNOUNCED). NO MENTION YET MADE OF CHANGES (IF ANY) IN PRESTIGIOUS "ADVISORY COUNCIL", INCLUDING SULTAN, CABINET MINISTERS AND TOP GENERALS, WHICH PLAYS LITTLE ROLE IN DAILY GOLKAR AFFAIRS.

5. COMMENT: CONFIRMATION OF AMIR MURTONO IN TOP SPOT MUST BE A BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT TO CIVILIANS OF ALI MURTOPO'S SPECIAL OPERATIONS STAFF (OPSUS) WHO UNTIL RECENTLY HAD BEEN CONFIDENTLY PREDICTING THAT HE WOULD BE REPLACED. WHILE OPSUS CIVILIANS ARE WELL AWARE THAT

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MILITARY (AND SPECIFICALLY DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OR HANKAM) MUST RETAIN ULTIMATE CONTROL OF GOLKAR THEY HAD HOPED FOR A MORE FLEXIBLE AND IMAGINATIVE GENERAL THAN MURTONO (WHO IS ALSO HANKAM DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR SOCIAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS UNDER GEN. DARJATMO). MURTONO HAS GAINED REPUTATION AS HARD LINE PROPONENT OF ARMY'S "DUAL FUNCTION" DOCTRINE

WHICH WHEN CARRIED TO EXTREMES LEAVES LITTLE ROOM FOR ANY NON-MILITARY ROLE. AS ACTING BOSS OF GOLKAR SINCE GEN. SOKOWATI DIED IN AUGUST 1972, MURTONO ATTRACTED MOST PUBLIC ATTENTION WHEN HE INJUDICIOUSLY ATTACKED UNNAMED "INTELLECTUALS" WHO HE SAID WISHED TO TAKE OVER THE GOVERNMENT - SEE REFAIR.

6. ASIDE FROM MURTONO, HOWEVER, ALI MURTOPO AND OPSUS SEEM TO HAVE DONE RATHER WELL. NUMBER TWO MAN (MARTONO) HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN AS OPSUS MAN IN OLD KOSGORO ORGANIZATION. JUSUF WANANDI (LIM BIAN KIE) HAS KEY POSITION HEADING LIST OF SECRETARIES ORGANIZED ACCORDING TO FUNCTION, AND OPSUS STALWARTS DOMINATE AT THIS WORKING LEVEL.

7. ON BALANCE, ALIGNMENT OF FORCES WITHIN GOLKAR APPEARS TO BE ABOUT THE SAME, WITH NO SIGNIFICANT GAINS FOR ALI MURTOPO'S PEOPLE VIS-A-VIS OTHER ELEMENTS IN MILITARY AND BUREAUCRACY BUT NO SIGNIFICANT LOSSES EITHER. JUDGING FROM FACT THAT ONLY MINOR CHANGES MADE, IT SEEMS AS UNLIKELY AS EVER THAT GOLKAR WILL FULFILL SEEDTIME HOPES OF ITS FOUNDERS THAT IT WOULD BE A VIGOROUS, INDEPENDENT FORCE IN INDONESIAN POLITICS AND PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN FORMULATION OF DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, ESPECIALLY AT GRASS ROOTS LEVEL.
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